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October 26, 2007

Mr. Bruce Hill, President & CEO UtahAmerian Energy, Inc. 6750 North Airport Road P.O. Box 902 Price, UT 84501

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Subject:

UPDES Inspection - Crandall Canyon Mine (UT0024368).

Dear Mr. Hill:

On October 23, 2007 I conducted a reconnaissance inspection, while already in the area, at the Crandall Canyon Mine facility in regards to the UPDES Permit referenced above. Specifically, I observed the sediment pond, outfall locations, inactive mine water discharge and receiving waters. There were no deficiencies noted and no response is required at this time.

Enclosed is a copy of the inspection report for your records. I have appreciated the efforts of Mr. Dave Shaver and staff to keep our offices informed throughout the past few months and especially during the most difficult of situations at the mine. If there is anything I can do, or if you have any questions, please contact me anytime at (801) 538-6779 or by e-mail at jstudenka@utah.gov.

Sincerely,

Jeff Studenka, Environmental Scientist

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Enclosures

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Water Compliance Inspection Report

Section A: National Data System Coding (i.e., ICIS)			
Transaction Code NPDES U T 0 0 2 4 3 6 8 11	yr/mo/day 0 7 1 0 2 3	Inspection Type	Inspector Fac. Type S 19 20
	Remarks		66
Inspection Work Days 2 5 70	$ \begin{array}{c c} \mathbf{BI} & \mathbf{QA} \\ N & N \\ \hline 71 & 72 \end{array} $	73 74	-Reserved
Section B: Facility Data			
Name and Location of Facility Inspected (For industrial users discharging to		Entry Time/ Date	Permit Effective Date
and NPDES permit number)		12:30 pm/10-23-007	12-1-2005
Crandall Canyon Mine (formerly Genwal Resources)			
UtahAmerican Energy, Inc. ~1.5 miles up Crandall Canyon off Hwy. 31 in Huntington Canyon near mi NW of Huntington, UT	le marker 34.	Exit Time/ Date 12:50pm/10-23-2007	Permit Expiration Date 11-30-2010
Name(s) of On-Site Representative(s)/Title(s)/Phone and Fax Number(s)		Other Facility Data (e.g.,	SIC NAICS, and other
No one was met on site for this visit.		descriptive information) Bituminous Coal Underground Mining Facility	
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Name, Address of Responsible Official/Title/Phone and Fax Number		1	
Bruce Hill, President	Contacted		
UtahAmerican Energy, Inc.	$\sqcap \boxtimes$		
P.O. Box 1077 Price, UT 84501	Yes No		
(435) 888-4008			
Section C: Areas Evaluated During Inspection (Check only those areas evaluated)			
Permit Self Monitoring Program Pretreatment MS4			
Termin Control of the			
Records/Reports			
Facility Site Review Laboratory			
Effluent/Receiving Waters Operations & Mainten.			
Flow Measurement Sludge Handling/Dispo			
Section D: Summary of Findings/Comments (Attach additional sheets of narrative and checklists, including Single Event Violation codes, as necessary)			
SEV Codes SEV Description			
Name(s) and Signature(s) of Inspector(s)	Agency/Office/Phone and Fax Num	ber(s)	Date:
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INSPECTION PROTOCOL

UPDES Permit #: UT0024368

Inspection Type: Reconnaissance Inspection

Inspection Date: October 23, 2007

Jeff Studenka of the Division of Water Quality (DWQ) visited the UtahAmerian Energy, Inc., Crandall Canyon Mine Facility (formerly Genwal Resources). The purpose for the site visit was to perform a reconnaissance inspection while already in the area.

FACILITY DESCRIPTION

Location: Within Manti-LaSal National Forest, approximately 1.5 miles up Crandall

Canyon, off Hwy. 31 in Huntington Canyon, near Huntington, Utah

Coordinates: Outfall 001 – 39° 27' 38" latitude, -111° 09' 38" longitude

Outfall 002 – 39° 27' 38" latitude, -111° 09' 59" longitude

Average Flow: ~ 0.75 MGD (Outfall 002) prior to pump shut down in September 2007.

<u>Receiving water</u>: Crandall Creek → Huntington Creek

<u>Process</u>: Currently idled underground coal mining operation. Before pump shut down on 9-13-2007, water from the mine was conveyed to a below ground settling pond, where it was then piped out of the mine and discharged to the Crandall Creek culvert (Outfall 002). Surface water is conveyed to an above ground settling pond with a discharge point (Outfall 001) to Crandall Creek. Outfall 001 has not discharged in many years.

INSPECTION SUMMARY

There were no deficiencies noted during the last inspection for follow up. This inspection was limited to outside the mine where the water collection and distribution systems are exposed. The two outfall locations were observed as well as the receiving waters of Crandall Creek, which was flowing clear and steady at the time of the inspection. There was no discharge occurring from either of the outfalls and the mine water discharge operations were verified to be shut down and inactivated. No deficiencies were observed.

DEFICIENCIES

No deficiencies with respect to the UPDES permit were noted during the inspection.

REQUIREMENTS

None.